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NOTICE OF DECISION

AND RESPONSE TO COMMENTS PERMIT NUMBER NEV2000105 (New)

Black Gold Mining/ L & H Claims SULPHUR SPRINGS PROJECT

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection is hereby issuing Water Pollution Control Permit NEV2000105 to L & H Claims/Black Gold Mining for the Sulphur Springs Project. This permit authorizes Black Gold Mining/L & H Claims to construct, operate, and close the proposed physical separation facilities included in the application received on October 14, 2002 and the additional information submitted on May 29, 2003. The Division has been provided with sufficient information in accordance with Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A.350 through NAC 445A.447 to assure the Division that the ground water quality will not be degraded from this operation and that public safety and health will be protected.

This permit will become effective December 9, 2003. The final determination of the administrator may be appealed to the State Environmental Commission pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 445A.605 and NAC 445A.407. All requests for appeals must be filed by 5:00 PM, December 4, 2003, on Form 3, with the State Environmental Commission, 333 West Nye Lane, Capitol Complex, Carson City, Nevada 89706-0851. For more information, contact Rob Kuczynski directly at (775) 687-9441, toll free in Nevada at (800) 992-0900, extension 4670, or visit the Division website at www.state.nv.us/ndep/bmrr/bmrr01.htm.

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